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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. MURAMATSU et al  
Serial No. 09/313,637  
Filed: May 18, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1656  
Examiner: J. Taylor  
For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC  
ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES  
AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE  
PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Box: Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, filed on May 18, 1999, entitled PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee									\$ 710.00
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	-	3	=	3	x	80	=	\$ 240.00
Total Filing Fee									\$ 950.00

3. A check including the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-21, and add new claims 22-27 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/313,637, filed May 18, 1999.--

7. New drawings are enclosed, nine (9) sheets, Figs. 1-10.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent  
application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

10-153651 filed May 20, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent  
application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained  
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed  
in the present continuation application would have been new  
matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, as  
originally filed on May 18, 1999.

  
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